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SUBJECT: UK-ICELAND TALKS CONCERNING GLASGOW-COPENHAGEN ROUTE

1. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BRITISH AND ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES
OVER CONTINUATION OF ICELANDAIR RIGHTS TO SERVE GLASGOW-
COPENHAGEN ROUTE HAVE BEEN ADJOURNED. TALKS JULY 4 AND 5
CONCERNED BRITISH DEMAND THAT ICELANDAIR GIVE UP ROUTE WHICH
IS ALSO SERVED BY BRITISH AIR AND SAS. HMG SOUGHT TO HAVE
ICELANDIC SERVICE END AUTUMN 1979 WHILE ICELANDERS COUNTERED BY
OFFERING TO REDUCE NUMBER OF WEEKLY FLIGHTS FROM THREE TO TWO.
DISCUSSIONS WILL RESUME AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

2. IN 1977 ICELANDAIR CARRIED 11,000 PASSENGERS ON GLASGOW-
COPENHAGEN ROUTE WHICH WAS MONEY-MAKER FOR FLUGLEIDIR. AIRLINE
WOULD HOPE TO COMPENSATE FOR ANY REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF FLIGHTS
ON THIS ROUTE BY INCREASING REYKJAVIK-LONDON SERVICE
BUT LOSS OF RIGHTS THROUGH GLASGOW TO COPENHAGEN WOULD
HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON COMPANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION AT
TIME WHEN FLUGLEIDIR FACING INCREASED COMPETITION FROM
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LOW-FARE CARRIERS ON TRANS-ATLANTIC ROUTE.
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